

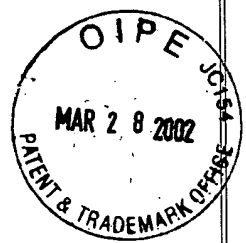
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Yoshio OZAWA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2826  
Serial No.: 09/559,757 ) Examiner: Mondt, Johannes P.  
Filed: April 27, 2000 )  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE )  
THEREOF )  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 29, 2002, with a period for response extending through April 29, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Rhee (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,054) in view of Teramoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,620,910); rejected claim 5 as unpatentable over Rhee and Teramoto as applied to claim 1 and further in view of Takemura (U.S. Patent No. 5,917,221); and rejected claim 7 as unpatentable over Rhee, Teramoto, and Takemura as applied to claim 5 and further in view of Tomita et al.

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